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REMARKS

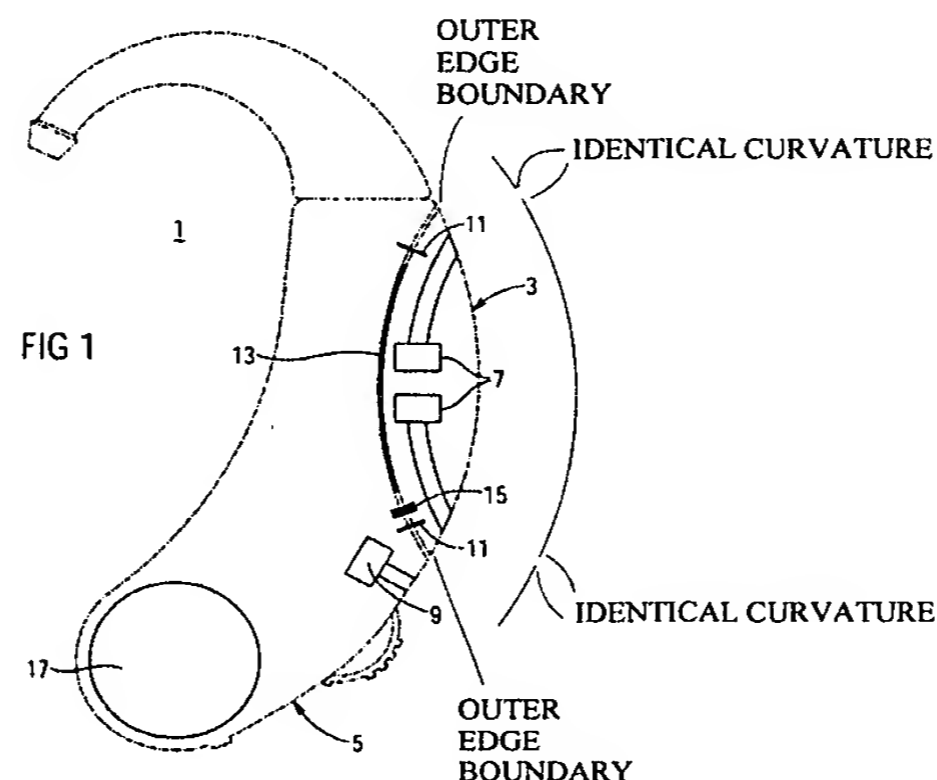
Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. These claims were rejected as follows:

Claims / Section	35 U.S.C. Sec.	References / Notes
1, 6, 8 & 10-12	§102(b) Anticipation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uvacek (U.S. Patent No. 6,154,546).
2-4	§103(a) Obviousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uvacek (U.S. Patent No. 6,154,546); and• Klope, et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0070868).
9	§103(a) Obviousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uvacek (U.S. Patent No. 6,154,546).

5 Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting two telephone interviews with Applicant's representative discussing various claim language that could serve to adequately distinguish over the prior art. Pursuant to the second telephone interview, it is Applicant's understanding that the language added to claims 1, 3, and 9 was deemed to adequately clarify the notion of uniform effect
10 in these claims sufficient to distinguish over the prior art.

Support for this claim language can be found by looking at Figure 1, which shows an identical curvature on the external surface at the outer edge boundary of the module.

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Claims 5, 7, and 13, indicated as allowable by the Examiner, have been amended to include all base claims and intervening claims from which they depend.

5 Applicant respectfully asserts that these amendments now put all pending claims in a condition for allowance, since Uvacek and Klope fail to teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the subject matter of the claims, as amended, and that these amendments do not raise new issues that would require a further search, since the relevant art has already been thoroughly searched by the
10 Examiner.


Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §§ 102, 103 rejections from the present application, based on the present amendments.

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CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as each of the objections have been overcome by the amendments, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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